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To Our Many Customers  
and Friends we Extend  
Best Wishes for a  
Merry Christmas  
and Health, Happiness  
and Bountiful Harvests  
in the New Year.

The Alberta Pacific Grain Company Ltd.

## Christmas 1932

The recollection of pleasant relationships enjoyed during the year, prompts us at this season to extend to the people of Oyen and district, our sincere Good Wishes for a Right Merry Christmas and a greater measure of prosperity in 1933.

E. MacArthur



The Season's Greetings

Merry Christmas Everybody

The People's Meat Market



The management extends to one and all...  
Hearty good wishes for  
a real Merry Christmas.

Alberta Hotel, Oyen



The Season's Greetings

May this Christmastide  
be for you  
a  
Season of Happiness  
and Content

RED SENTRY  
GARAGE

The News  
extends to one and all  
The Compliments of the Season  
and Best Wishes for  
A Merry Christmas

## Provincial Seed Fair

Some of the finest seed grain in the world will be on exhibition in Edmonton during the week of the annual provincial seed fair, January 10-13, inclusive. During the same week the annual meeting of the Alberta Seed Growers' Association will be held, together with the annual agricultural short course at the university.

As was the case last year, prize winners in wheat and oats at Toronto and Chicago will not be allowed to come into competition with other exhibitors in these classes, but will be placed in a class by themselves, so-called "professional" class. Special premiums are offered in both wheat and oats for this class by the provincial department of agriculture.

Grand champion ribbons will be awarded the best samples of wheat and oats at the fair, all exhibitors in these grains being eligible.

Many special prizes are being offered by banks and other firms. Entries close January 2.

## Teacher's Fortnightly Meeting

A meeting of the Prairie Teacher's Get Together Club was held in Oyen on Saturday, December 10, at the home of Miss B. Lees.

Due to the colder weather and the difficulty for the rural teachers to get into town to attend the meetings it was decided to change the time of the meetings to the second Saturday of each month. In which case the next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 14, at the home of Mr. G. P. Freebury.

"Eccentricities of Great Men," which was the roll call topic proved to be very interesting. Livericks was the roll call decided on for the next meeting and it ought to be original as well as amusing.

After the business of the meeting was completed Mr. R. J. Scott gave a very interesting talk in which he outlined the plans for the preparation of a writing scale for the grades. He said that the making of such a scale would be worthy of the efforts of the group both because of the time it would save the teacher and because of the improvement that was bound to result from the use of such a scale in the schoolroom. All were agreed that the programme of the next meeting should be taken up with the further discussion of the preparation of such a writing scale. After the programme, tea was served by Miss Lees.

Before the meeting adjourned a vote of thanks was given to Miss Lees and to Mr. Scott.

Under the auspices of Somme Chapter O.E.S. a whist drive and dance will be held in the Masonic Hall Friday evening January 27. Cards at 8:15 sharp. Keep this date open.

## M. D. of Bertawan

The council of the municipal district of Bertawan met at Sibbald, on Saturday, December 10, at 2 p.m.

Present: Reeve Mowers, Councillors Hunter, Meade, Musser, Stauffer and Wilson.

Minutes of previous meeting confirmed as read on motion of Councillor Musser.

Moved Hunter: That in connection with the sale of E.J. of 20 28 3 the agreement with Mr. A. R. Moore to contain a stipulation that the buildings can be sold for \$75.00, the amount to be deducted from the option price of \$400.00 cash.

Moved Hunter: That the house on above land be sold for \$50.00 and the other buildings for \$25.00.

Moved Musser: That the following be the Election officials and the places named and polling places in the event of it being necessary to hold municipal elections in February next.

W. Hartwell, R.O. \$50.00 for meeting and \$50.00 for counting ballots.

Division 1. Sibbald, F. H. Harrison D.R.O.

Division 4. Glenada School, A. A. Stanger D.R.O.

Division 5. J. R. Arnold's residence, H. H. Diehl D.R.O.

Accounts were passed for payment on motion of Councillor Stauffer.

## World's Grain Show Closing Dates

Once again, prospective exhibitors of grain and seed for the World's Grain Show are reminded that the closing date for entry is January 31, 1933, and that samples for competitive classes must be in the hands of the secretary on or before March 1, 1933.

## World's Grain Show

### Entry Fees Reduced

Entry fees to the competitive classes of the World's Grain Exhibition and Conference have been reduced from \$5 to \$3, and from \$2.00 to \$1.50. In classes for which the total prize money amounts to \$25.00 or more the original entry fee was \$5, and in all other cases \$2. These now stand at \$3 and \$1.50.

## GOVERNMENT LIQUOR CONTROL ACT OF ALBERTA

### Application for Beer License

Public notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying to the Alberta Liquor Control Board for a License to sell Beer by the glass, or open bottle for consumption in conformity with the provisions of the Government Liquor Control Act of Alberta, regulations made thereunder, with respect to the following premises:

The Sibbald Hotel, located on Lots (1) One and (2) Two in Block (2) Two, in the Hamlet of Sibbald Plan number A.V. 5030.

Dated at Sibbald, Alberta, this 26th day of November, 1932.

Henry Muhlbach, Sr.



## Christmas Greetings

Thanking our many customers and friends for the Patronage of the past year, we extend our best wishes for a Very Merry Festival Season.

S. A. Miller and Staff

## Season's Greetings

The Christmas Season affords us an opportunity to express our thanks to the people of Oyen and district for the pleasant business relationships we have enjoyed.

May Your Christmas be a truly Happy one and the New Year bring you Content and greater prosperity.



## Johnson's Garage



## Christmas 1932

Extending to our customers and the people of Oyen and district the Compliments of the Season and the Wish that your Christmastide will be a Very Happy One.

**BEAVER LUMBER COMPANY LIMITED**  
IN YOUR TOWN  
AND A HUNDRED OTHERS



May all the pleasures of a Merry Christmas be succeeded by many Happy Days in the Coming Year.

THOS. LEES  
Real Estate and Insurance



## FIVE NATIONS IN DEFAULT ON WAR DEBTS

Washington.—The United States treasury's books recorded France, Belgium and three lesser European nations in default on their obligations to the United States while opposite the names of Great Britain, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Latvia and Lithuania was written the word "paid."

Thus the first general war debt payment date since inauguration of the Hoover one-year moratorium on inter-governmental debts—mid-summer a year ago—found the nations owing America sharply divided into two groups.

Excepting Italy, the paying nations, like the defaulters, had posted and employed all diplomatic means to win postponement of the instalments and reconsideration of their entire war debt.

However, upon America's insistence that they pay, they chose to keep their credit standing with the United States unimpaired. In so doing they needed the reiterated urging of Secretary Henry L. Stimson that such action would be put in their preferred position to obtain a re-study of their obligations.

How the defaulters will face in this could not be foreseen. No official up to now had said a word as to this country's future conduct and such an impression was current that until some settlement of their past due payments has been made, these nations will receive no concessions from the United States.

The bitter feeling engendered in congress by France's refusal to pay manifested itself afresh in legislative proposals to hamper defaulting nations.

Senator Kenneth D. McKellar, Tennessee Democrat, offered a resolution to impose a \$5,000 fine on American passport holders for defaulting countries. Representative Joseph J. Mansfield, Democrat from Massachusetts, offered a similar plan, with the fee at \$500 and the life of the passport only 60 days.

## Attacks Interest Rates

Too High For Average Man Says  
Hon. H. H. Stevens

Victoria, B.C.—A sharper line of demarcation must be drawn between loans for purely speculative financing and financing for bona fide commercial enterprises and there ought to be something in the Dominion statutes to correct this and I think there will be.

This was the statement made by Hon. H. H. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce, in an address to the Victoria Canadian Club here.

The interest rates charged by banking and loan institutions were bitterly attacked by the Minister of Trade and Commerce. He knew, he said, that the man in business or the farmer on the land, could not afford to pay seven, eight or nine per cent. for money with which to carry on his legitimate business. Six per cent. is all that he can pay, said Mr. Stevens.

## New Coal Discovery

Prospectors Locate Coal In Great Bear Lake Area

Calgary, Alberta.—Two prospectors returned from the north recently with word of a coal discovery in the Great Bear Lake country where silver and platinum has been found. H. B. Montgomery and Pete Davidson are the men who found the coal field and they stated it for a Calgary syndicate.

The coal discovery was made directly across the Great Bear Lake from Echo Bay. The men plan to return to the district next spring with a diamond drill to determine the field's extent.

## Death Of Senator Ross

Was First Member Elected In Yukon To Federal House

Victoria, B.C.—James Hamilton Ross, Canadian senator and pioneer of Moose Jaw, Sask., died at Victoria recently.

Senator Ross was 78 years old. He has resided with his daughter in Victoria for some months.

Hon. J. H. Ross, in celebrating his 76th birthday this year, was acclaimed as one of the notable pioneers of the west, especially of his home city, Moose Jaw, which he had watched grow into one of the most important railway centres of the west.

He was the first member elected in Yukon to the Federal House of Commons, this honor coming to him after 20 years of service in the public life of the prairie prior to the formation of the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

He was elected to the Northwest assembly in 1883, and retained his seat until 1901. In 1887 he had been an unsuccessful candidate for the Federal House in the constituency of West Assiniboia. As a member of the territorial executive council he was treasury commissioner of public works and general secretary.

In 1901 he was appointed commissioner of Yukon territory, and in 1902 was nominated by the Liberal party for the Federal House. In 1903 he took his seat in the House of Commons and September 30, 1904, was summoned to the senate.

## Faith In H.B. Route

Scottish Shipping Interests Have Great Interest In Northern Sea Way

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.—Scottish interests are waiting for Canadians to take the initiative and show faith in the Hudson Bay route and there is a lack of important data available on the outside side of the Atlantic respecting the facilities at Churchill, was the message of Alexander McEwan, Canadian railway magnate, who was interviewed by the Saskatoon Phoenix, in an interview here. Mr. McEwan recently returned to the city from Scotland.

Scottish people have a traditional interest in Hudson Bay. Mr. McEwan declared, reminding his interviewer of the halcyon days of the great fur hangary when the bay was the gateway to all western Canada. At vessels faring northwest called at Resolute and for generations the army of servants of the Hudson's Bay Company were recruited in the northern corners of Scotland's mainland and the island.

## Coal Gas Kills Three

Small Children Inhabited Deadly Fumes

Ottawa, Ont.—The father of a mother and her four children slept peacefully in another part of the house three one-year-old children inhaled deadly fumes from a kitchen coal stove and died.

The little tots, all wards of the city, were under the care of Mrs. Malvena Krouse, who was a supervised boarding home to supplement the meagre income she received as a charwoman at the Dominion Government Buildings.

Mrs. Krouse put her own four children to bed upstairs and went to sleep herself on a couch in the dining room. She was awakened in the small hours of the morning and noticed a faint smell of gas.

Rushing to the kitchen she found two of the babies dead and called a doctor. The third child was rushed to hospital but died soon after its arrival.

## Christmas Greetings

British Battalion Sentenced

London, Eng.—Two of the three battalions who on October 19 slugged a postman into insensibility in front of Rugby station and made a daring theft of a bag of registered mail were sentenced in Old Bailey, Friday, March 22, was given 15 months of hard labour and 18 strokes of the birch, while Frederick Harris, aged 47, was sentenced to six years in penitentiary.

Whalers of Norway have agreed on production quotas for this season.

## Proposal Too Indefinite

U.S. Railway Workers Turn Down Wage Cut Extension

Chicago.—Railway Brotherhood delegates rejected the proposal of the U.S. railroad managements that the deadline, set January 1, for the termination of the present temporary 10 per cent. wage reduction of rail employees be extended indefinitely.

Alexander R. Whitney, chairman of the employees' representatives at the joint wage scale conference, presented the answer of the brotherhoods to the executives at the opening of today's 37th session. He made clear that labor would not accept any present extension of the present wages, but would be willing to discuss an extension if a definite termination were fixed.

## Fire Follows Explosion

Defective Furnace In Montreal Store Causes Heavy Damage

Montreal, Que.—An explosion in the basement of a store followed by fire that swept through a night club and two other establishments caused damage estimated between \$30,000 and \$75,000.

The force of the explosion blew out a wall of the building and left a passage for the flames which spread rapidly. A defective furnace is believed to have caused the blast.

Firemen brought the blaze under control after an hour's work. Several persons narrowly escaped injury. Traffic on St. Catharines Street east was delayed for some time.

## U. S. AROUSED OVER DEFAULT OF FRENCH DEBT

Washington.—A chorus of denunciation and a threat of punitive action issued from the United States congress in response to the French parliament's decision not to pay its war debt instalment.

Monsieur, a Belgian note giving notice that default of its \$125,000 payment could be expected was made public by the state department and a Polish embassy statement indicated that country would not pay its instalment.

Senators and representatives in quick succession gave vent to their feelings with remarks abounding in gratitude and lack of wisdom on the part of France.

Representative Harold Knutson, Minnesota Republican, put before the House of Representatives a resolution which would forbid entry into the United States of securities issued by governments that have defaulted on their debt payments, prohibit their advertisement for sale, and bar the securities from the mails.

Indications were lacking as to whether this or any similar proposal would be advanced any further.

At the state department Secretary Henry L. Stimson discussed Belgium's decision not to pay the \$125,000 instalment, with that country's ambassador, Paul May. What Stimson told him was not disclosed.

One result of the French default expected here is that pending negotiations for a commercial treaty with that country, trade would come to a standstill. France was definitely regarded both in official, executive and congressional quarters as isolated by the parliamentary action.

## Christmas Greetings

Calgary, Alberta.—The Alberta railway commission, the chairman, A. A. Mackenzie announced, was willing to provide a special work for unemployed youths between 10 and 21 years of age and to allow a portion of the day for educational training. Mr. Mackenzie said that any public organization having an interest in the boys the special camp would be set up.

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## DIRECTOR OF NAVY

Premier Bennett Refers To Benefits From Imperial Conference

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## Withdraw From League

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Reason for the decision, it was explained, is the necessity for economy. An official declaration is expected from the foreign office.

The cost of membership, ranging from \$100,000 to \$500,000 a year, is considered too heavy to be borne by Mexico, which is now struggling to balance its budget, the unofficial source said.

## Changes Predicted

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## GERMANY IS RECEIVED BACK IN ARMS MEET

Geneva, Switzerland.—The general commission of the World Disarmament conference, meeting here for the first time since July 23, formally received Germany back into the conference and adjourned until January 10.

The leading powers, meanwhile, are planning to continue in January their conversations which resulted in rejecting the conference and will be joined in their private deliberations of the conference, which will be an observer for the plenary conference.

The committee for studying the military forces of the various nations has drawn up a complete scheme for determining to reduce the number of armies, but their work appears doomed to failure through the continued Franco-German disagreement.

The German representatives object to the exclusion of trusted reserves from the application of the effective committee's scheme. The committee is now struggling to balance its budget, the unofficial source said.

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## Seas Reducing British Isles

One Square Mile Shorn From Its Total Every Year

Though most of English school children are familiar with the shape of their country as they see it on maps today, it is possible that the coastline with which their grand-children will be acquainted will be considerably different from what it is now if the sea continues unchecked its game of "pull-and-take" with the land.

It has been even suggested by eminent scientists that the British Isles are being tilted toward the Atlantic by the lowering of the ocean floor on the southwest coast, and that hills in that part of the country are two or three feet lower than they were half a century ago.

Although the nibbling away of the land by the sea is to some degree compensated for by the silting up of river estuaries, and new land is thus being reclaimed by a process of robbing Peter to pay Paul, on balance it is the sea that is winning, a fact of great importance in view of the size of this island kingdom, where every year is being shorn of a square mile of its total of only 80,000 square miles.

It has been estimated that about 2,000,000 tons of cliff are washed away every year around the coasts of Great Britain, and that in the last hundred years there has been a total loss of about 100,000 acres of land.

In Norfolk and Suffolk, where the sea makes the wide fords, towns that were famous in the middle ages have disappeared entirely, and the under-water sites of some of them are more than half a mile from the present coast line. The popular sea-side resort of Cromer was once a small inland village in the heart of the country, an important medieval sea-port which was destroyed by a sudden incursion of the sea in the fifteenth century.

Until quite recently it was possible at low tide to see, nearly half a mile from the cliffs of Cromer, large masses of wood built on the ruins of the houses of the fishermen which sailors called Shippen Church Rock. Two miles along the coast from Cromer at the village of Overstrand a hotel built less than fifty years ago is perched precariously on the edge of the cliff, and some of the houses have already disappeared to the beach below. On the same part of the coast whole fields disappear entirely in dry years.

While the people who live on the "humps" of England are continually battling to keep the sea back, there are several old seaports such as Rye and Wichester, in Sussex, which have lost it entirely and been stranded high and dry a mile inland. In the Fenland of East Anglia large areas that were once under water have been reclaimed and are now the richest agricultural lands in England, while the Romans, the Danes and the twelfth century, and German pirates during the great war all had a hand in draining parts of the Wash, the large square inland sea on the east coast of England.

But the gains do not make up for the losses and millions of dollars will have to be expended in the future on the sea where it is not wanted. It is estimated that the average coast of Great Britain is 110,000 miles, but it costs the people of Minehead in the west of England, \$150,000 a mile to protect themselves from the floods of the ocean. Blackpool has spent \$200,000 in recent years on coast protection, while at Scarborough, in Yorkshire, a sea wall which had cost the town \$200,000 collapsed into the sea during a storm a few years ago.

### Pacific Science Congress

For the First Time Meeting Will Be Held At Pacific Coast in 1933

For the first time Canada will be host to 31 countries which participate in the Pacific science congress in the summer of 1933. Plans were made for the fifth meeting of the congress (the first on this continent), to be held in Vancouver and Victoria in June of the present year. General economic conditions, however, made postponement advisable. It is now announced the meeting will be held in the Pacific coast cities, probably next June.

### Female Impersonator Dead

Benjamin (Gene) Pearson, 31, female impersonator and one of the members of the Dumbell Theatrical Company, died suddenly in Cleveland, Ohio. Pearson was born in Toronto and had been engaged in theatrical work for a number of years.

W. N. U. 1973

## Not Proficient in Grammar

Capable Handmaster in Chicago Schools Loses His Position

It may be that James Sylvester, who studied music in Naples, led the band of the 14th and 15th centuries in the Rainbow division during the world war and developed at least two prize winning bands at Westcott Junior High School, was not perfectly clear as to the precise shade of difference between "shall" and "will," or was confused when asked whether "who" or "whom" was the correct form of the relative pronoun in a given sentence. Any way, after eight years of service as bandmaster, but not as a school teacher, he submitted to a required examination, was "plucked" in English and lost his job. At least, that is his story.

In music bandmaster Sylvester made high grades, he avers. Paraphrasing musical phrase is easy for him. Show him anything written on a staff for interpretation through brasses, wood-winds or percussion instruments and he can tell you whether it is musically correct. He knows his sharps and flats and can express himself in any key on flute or saxophone. When more should be asked of a bandmaster?

It is true that words sometimes confuse him, but he is not just as likely to be German or Italian or French as English, and grammar was never a major consideration with song writers. Assuming that the facts as he alleges, his request seems reasonable. In certain school situations, a capable bandmaster is worth a dozen pedantic grammarians.—Chicago Daily News.

## Search Has Been Rewarded

After Twenty Years Botanist Has Found Scented Musk Plant

This is not a detective story. It concerns the musk plant, which used to be famous for its delicate scent. Twenty years ago musk plants in all parts of the world suddenly became scarce and only in rare cases has a scented musk occurred. Ever wild musk plants lost all traces of perfume.

Now come news that after a world-wide search, botanists have discovered a scented musk growing in a tiny district on one of the islands in the Gulf of Georgia. A botanist visiting the island was conscious of a perfume which seemed to revive old memories, and he found the plant which he thought it was; then it occurred to him that it was musk. Close to where he was standing was a little patch of sweet-scented musk, probably the only scented musk plants in the world.

Specimens of the find have been sent to museums and great interest has been taken in the revival by gardeners and florists. Now that scented musk has been found once more it may not be long before the delicate odor is as well known in our homes as it was in the days of Queen Victoria.—Tribune.

## One Of The Best

Old British Vessel To Be Used As Training Ship

One of the sights of the Thames, the famous old training ship "Arctura," is giving place to a most modern vessel, the four-masted steel barge "Peking," which has just been acquired by the Shaftesbury Homes and Arctura Training Ship Society. The "Peking," like the old "Arctura," will be moored at Greenhithe, where there is doubtless a long life of usefulness before her in training youngsters for the Navy and Merchant Service. She was built in 1911, while the old "Arctura" dates back to 1849. She was in the Navy during the Crimean War, and was the first British fighting ship to go into action under full sail. There is no episode in the "Peking's" history so romantic as that, but the German company to which she belonged has owned many famous sailing-ships, among them the "Pamir" and the "Parana." And the "Peking" was one of the best of them all.—London News.

## May Have Had Reason

We note that a Wisconsin farmer mistook a group of his relatives for gunmen, and opened fire, killing a cousin and wounding two others. This recalls the story of the Englishman who was stepped by an emergency signal from some unknown passenger. The guard in the course of an investigation met a nervous man who complained of the delay, saying it would make him late for his wedding. The guard looked at him sternly and demanded: "Are you sure I wasn't the one who pulled the cord?"

After a certain speed is attained by an aeroplane in a power dive, the propeller acts as a brake.

## BRITISH WORKMEN ADD ANOTHER RECORD TO ACCOMPLISHMENTS



A few years ago British industries were frequently criticized because they did not advertise their achievements as do our neighbors to the South. During the past year, however, they have been coming out of their shells a little more, and this photograph will testify. When the above photo was taken a gigantic transformer was being hoisted on board ship for foreign parts. The words painted on the end state that it is the world's largest transformer, 125,000 h.p., made at Walton-on-Thames.

## To Encourage Trade

New Steamship Service Expected To Benefit Canadian Exporters

A new steamship service between Halifax, N.S., the Malay Archipelago, Java, the Netherlands East Indies, Ceylon and Egypt has just been inaugurated with the object of increasing direct trade between Canada and those countries. The first vessel on this monthly service will arrive at Halifax from Java early in January, 1933, after having made calls at Singapore, Ceylon and other points.

This new service is the result of arrangements made by the Canadian government department of trade and commerce. The imports of Canada from the countries mentioned include many thousands of tons of rubber, annually, canned pineapples, pepper, papaya, food, peanuts, tea and cotton, the last-named product coming from Egypt. Similarly the new service is expected to benefit Canadian exporters.

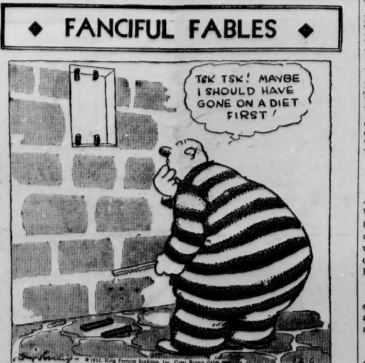
## Fortune From Minnows

Michigan Man Made \$30,000 Last Year Selling Fish Bait

When Charles C. Day, of Port Huron, Mich., sold a 14-panet pall of minnows for \$1 some 30 years ago, he unconsciously founded a business that was to make him independently wealthy within three decades. From his start with a pall of minnows, Day developed the idea of selling fish bait to reap a profit of \$50,000 last year. He supplies fresh or "canned" minnows, grasshoppers, crickets, anguiforms, salmon eggs and pork rinds to sporting goods stores in every section of the country.

The Union of South Africa is unique in that it has two capitals. The legislature sits at Cape Town, while the seat of the government is at Pretoria.

Commodity prices in Denmark are higher than a year ago.



## Stands By Word "Very"

New York Paper Believes It Still Has Meaning

The following appeared recently in the New York Evening Post: "I note that one of your post-election editorials has deemed 'Very Bad News.' Are you not aware of the fact that the Horatian purist, Franklin P. Adams, formerly of the New York World, has decreed that the word 'very' is unnecessary? Do you not know that he is conducting against its use an 'incessant crusade'?"

MRB. FIXIT.  
New York, Nov. 10, 1932. We were aware of Mr. Adams' crusade, but we are not at all in sympathy with it. It seems to us that the word "very" has been so overused that it has lost much of its meaning. We also know that logically it can be proved superfluous and therefore unnecessary. Nevertheless, we believe it has a shade of meaning all its own, and we propose, however regretfully, to continue its employment. Once, when we were working on the Chicago Tribune, that newspaper also decreed the absolute elimination of the word "very" from its columns. It was then printing daily, under the heading of "Poems You Ought To Know," various masterpieces of verse. When an alliterical copy-editor began to take out the word "very" from these masterpieces, the result was not at all happy, although it would, we suppose, have pleased Mr. Adams.

## Storage Stocks Lower

Decrease In Creamery Butter Holdings Of Five Million Pounds

A decrease of more than five million pounds was shown in creamery butter holdings as at December 1, as compared with the corresponding figure of last year, says a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Eggs, pork, beef, lamb, poultry and fish also showed lower figures in storage, these being the only commodities to show an increase.

On the first of the month creamery butter storage totaled 26,250,552 pounds as compared with 31,385,246 pounds on December 1, 1931. Dairy butter holdings were 10,642 pounds. The total storage of butter in 1932 was 36,892,792 pounds, as compared with 37,025,792 pounds in 1931. Cold storage eggs decreased from 5,658,280 dozen to 4,068,772 dozen, fresh declined from 297,373 dozen to 292,119 dozen, and frozen eggs dropped from 4,553,995 pounds on December 1, 1931, to 3,967,749 pounds on December 1 of this year.

## Arline Has Model Voice

Noted Actor Received Early Training On English Stage

George Arline's voice is extolled as a model for actors by Inspector Quarry, addressing teachers at London, Ont. Arline is an Englishman, who had his early training in voice culture in a great school, the English stage at its best. He came to this continent many years ago as a member of Mrs. Patrick Campbell's company and his polished elocution was even then notable. There may be some atmospheric conditions inimical to the speaking voice in the United States, but in this content, as the speaker recently asserted. Certainly, Calvin Coolidge and President Hoover are terrible examples, and many Canadian actors are no better. All the more reason why parents and instructors should see that the voices of the young are trained in time.

## GIFTS

Gifts do not always have to be the customary things. Like books or strips of tapestry or neckties and rings.

Instead, intangible as air, may be most sweet, most dear. May be a swiftly whispered prayer. A glance of hope and cheer.

A brave soul's thought that surely sends its courage to my own.

The message which the morning sends, A song loved lips have known!

Gifts do not always have to be Old prints, exotic flowers; The rarest gift life brings to me Was three swift-flying hours!

## Explained At Last

According to an authority of the American Dental Association, George Washington's false teeth were hinged together with a strong spring, but which occasionally opened wide and left him with his mouth agape and unable to close it. This throws a new light on his alleged inability to tell a lie.

A body weighing 191 pounds at the earth's pole would weigh 190 pounds at the equator, the U.S. Naval Observatory reports.

Textile mills in Portugal are operating at capacity.

## Increasing Trade

Heavier Shipments To Australia and Great Britain Shown By Government Report

Increasing trade between Canada and Australia, according to shipments of wheat to Great Britain and continental Europe and increased activity in business operations in Canada are shown by a new government report, says a weekly review prepared by the Department of Trade and Commerce. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in its monthly report on the business situation in Canada, the review observes, states that while business operations, after adjustment for seasonal fluctuations, were at a slightly lower level in October than in the preceding month, "the relative stability of the current period presents a strong contrast with the marked declines in the same months of 1930 and 1931." The report further states that "the pronounced downward trend has been reversed for a period in which greater resistance is manifested against reactionary tendencies."

Canadian exports to Australia in the first seven months of the current fiscal year amounted to \$429,193 as compared with \$2,762,507 in the corresponding period of 1931. Imports from Australia increased by nearly a quarter of a million dollars to \$4,500,740, while the exports for the same months are lower than last year, outstanding increases are shown, in most cases to countries which are large importers of Canadian wheat. Total Canadian exports to Great Britain have increased by approximately five and a half million dollars to \$140,440,000, the imports have increased by three million dollars to \$11,685,308, and those in Belgium to one and a half million dollars to \$10,035,772.

## Co-Operation Associations

Aggregate Membership Is Estimated At 533,216

There are 1,452 co-operative associations in Canada with an aggregate membership of 525,216 according to the latest report of the Canadian Government Department of Labour. The associations are grouped under two main headings, marketing and purchasing. The 803 marketing associations have a membership of 314,516 and the membership of the 467 purchasing associations is 49,341. Credit and savings societies operated on a co-operative basis number 13 with a membership of 48,564, of which 46,000 are residents of the Province of Quebec. There are 92 Community Hall Societies, 86 of which are located in the Province of Saskatchewan, and a total membership of 8,749. Miscellaneous societies number 77 with a membership of 47,386. Among the marketing associations are 18 organized to sell sheep and wool and 113 for marketing dairy products.

Quebec had the largest number of associations handling poultry products—11 out of a total of 27. There are 100 marketing associations in Quebec classified as marketing agencies, 65 of which were in British Columbia, 48 in Nova Scotia and 27 in Ontario. The 467 purchasing associations numbered 31, five of which were operating in more than one province; of these Ontario had 12 organizations. Associations handling miscellaneous commodities numbered 99 of which 66 were located in the Province of Quebec.

## Captain Spooner Doing Some Hazardous Flying

Participant In Many Canadian Air Shows In New Year

Formerly flying instructor of the Montreal Light Aeroplane Club and participant in all leading Canadian air meets, Captain J. H. Spooner is now doing some hazardous flying in Palestine and Iraq for a British commercial flying company operating mail service between the two countries, hooking up with the India-England mail route at Baghdad.

## The Color Line

A New York church is threatened with disruption because the minister, backed by his bishop, is willing to allow negroes to worship there. The objection is a strong spring, but which occasionally opened wide and left him with his mouth agape and unable to close it. This throws a new light on his alleged inability to tell a lie.

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The real name of Patsy Negri, movie actress, is Apollonia Chalepos.

# The Stratosphere Holds Secrets Of Many Things Which Are Puzzling Scientists

How far can man penetrate into the upper air?

The stratosphere, as the upper reaches of the atmosphere are called, begins at a height of ten kilometres, or about six and a quarter miles above sea-level. At the moment, the highest point reached by man is 53,672 feet, or just over ten miles, where the craft of Captain Piccard in his second balloon ascent.

But the exploration of the stratosphere is only beginning. It holds the secrets of many things which puzzle the scientists, and Professor Piccard believes that to uncover these secrets many more ascents must be made.

One of the problems which are undertaken in the Arctic regions, and has suggested the Hudson Bay district as a suitable starting point. Probably some of the most interesting work engaged in "Polar Year" researches would be the best men to make the attempt. They have the necessary scientific training, and at the same time are equipped with knowledge of the Arctic regions, and could fend for themselves in the event of the balloon coming down far from civilization in the midst of the polar waste.

Aeroplane also can penetrate the reaches of the aerostatic atmosphere, and Capt. C. F. Unwin recorded for Britain by ascending 43,976 feet, or almost exactly eight and a half miles.

He would have gone still higher, but his gasoline was getting low. However, he will probably make another ascent shortly and try again. In a previous flight Capt. Unwin climbed beyond 40,000 feet without knowing it. His altimeter stopped at 30,000 feet, and he came to the conclusion that, for some reason, his machine was unable to climb beyond that. So he abandoned his attempt and landed. Then it was that, on examination of the barograph, that he had been nearly eight miles up. The altimeter had stopped working because it was frozen.

The tremendously low temperatures of the upper atmosphere have always been a big problem in high altitude flying. Not only do they sometimes put instruments out of action, but, unless elaborate precautions are taken, they would put the pilot out of action, too. So his clothing has to be electrically heated, the waistcoat, socks, and gloves being threaded with fine wires for this purpose. The goggles have also to be treated electrically to prevent ice forming on them. For breathing, oxygen is used, which is obtained through a chin and mouth mask—Answers.

## Has Many Occupations

King Albert Of Belgium Was Once Newspaper Reporter

King Albert of Belgium is probably the only king who has been a newspaper reporter. Before he ascended to the throne he toured Europe, writing articles on shipping problems for a Belgian newspaper.

And once, when he paid a visit to America, he got a temporary job on a New York newspaper. He reported several events and no one on the staff knew his identity.

Then one day he was sent out to report a fire and came back without a story. He had forgotten his pocket card and was not allowed by the police to collect any information!

But since then Belgium's king has had a job at many occupations. He has labored on Antwerp docks. He has driven locomotives. He has fired steel furnaces and he has descended into mines and bricked away at the face of coal seams.

## Has To Be Punctual

Man Doing Newspaper Work Gets Discipline Into System

Hector Charleworth, Chairman of the Canadian Radio Commission, in an address said: "One factor about newspaper work which nearly everyone forgets is that a newspaper office, in addition to being a medium of news and views, is a factory and a manufacturing establishment. The only difference is it makes its deliveries on time. A newspaper has to keep its promises; it has to have its paper delivered on the doorstep every morning. Every man connected with a newspaper, no matter what his function, gets that discipline into his system."

Oranges were first grown in California in 1873.

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## CANADIAN AND AUSTRALIAN DELEGATES URGE CAUTION

### No Order Too Small

London Foundry Has Been Casting Bells For Centuries

Bells for the new cathedral in Hamilton Cathedral, Canada, are now being cast at the ancient bell foundry in Whitechapel, London, England, where the craft of casting has been handed down from father to son for generations. The men here can cast any kind of bell. They cast the chimera for Big Ben. And they will take orders from muffin men, or make bells for cattle.

The courtyard of the foundry dates back to the fifteenth century. Bells that Queen Elizabeth must have heard, and the great cathedral bells of Canterbury, Winchester, Durham, and St. Paul's were all cast here. The craftsmen can calculate the note of a bell to a hair's breadth, even on a large one as the greatest in the Hamilton carillon set, which is six feet, four inches across.

The men also make "hemisphere" bells. These are flat-looking bells, intended for use in towers not strong enough to bear one of ordinary shape, or where a normal bell would not have room to swing. They are queer looking objects, but their tone is not low and very beautiful—London Correspondent.



By Ruth Rogers

Winnipeg Newspaper Union  
Fetters  
It's Ruth Rogers



PARIS SENDS A NOVEL NEW CASTING MODEL THAT FITS TONS DOWN LEFT SHOULDER

It's a darling dress for the college girls and a slinky skirt with a wrangled effect. And don't you think the collar is really charming?

It's so easy to make, and so fascinating when finished. Wrap crepe silk and lightweight woadens are especially lovely for this model.

The original choice dark hazy blue blue rough crepe silk with the collar in light hazy blue shade, accented by dark blue hazy blue buttons. Style No. 967 is designed for sizes 14, 16, 18, 20 years, 36 and 38 inches bust.

Size 16 requires 3 1/2 yards 59-inch with 1/2 yard 38-inch for collar.

Price of pattern 20 cents in stamps or coin (coin is preferred). Wrap coin carefully.

### How To Order Patterns

Address: Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 175 McDermott Ave., Winnipeg

Pattern No. .... Size .....

Name .....

Town .....

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### Why Jury Duty Is Unpopular

Illness Or Death Only Reasons Accepted For Exemption

An Ontario judge refused to grant exemption from jury duty to a man who explained that, if he had to serve, 22 men working for him, would be thrown out of employment temporarily. Jury service, said the judge, is a necessary duty for sacrifice, and only illness or death could be advanced as legitimate reasons for liberation from such service.

It seems to us the judge in this incident took a highly technical and not wholly practical view of the situation. There was but one man who could keep those 22 at work, and no doubt many men were available who would have served the cause of justice equally well as a member of this jury. It was surely a case where the theoretical obligation of all citizens to do jury duty when called upon might have been tempered by the urgent importance of permitting the defendant to earn wages when they can find work.

Jury duty would be less unpopular if courts had the comfort and convenience of jurors most jurors serve at a financial sacrifice. They are guarded like prisoners, repudiated publicly if late for roll-call, kept together for days in a time in important criminal cases. No doubt all this is necessary, but justified by experience. But often men on the jury panel are compelled to remain within call when they might be released for a day or two; or, at the case we have mentioned, forced to serve when there is excellent reason for release. A little more thought for the individual would make for greater smoothness in operation of this part of the judicial machinery—Ottawa Journal.

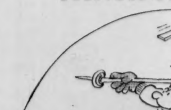
### Who Gets The Four?

Matter Of Discount On Canadian Dollar Is Confusing

Some confusion is apt to arise from the varying quotations on New York funds and the Canadian dollar. At times the quotation is given as premium on New York funds and at other times it is the discount on the Canadian dollar. A Canadian who goes to New York with \$100 and asks for United States money for his own may find the discount on his funds as high as 20 per cent, and he receives \$80. If he returns home without spending his \$80 of American money and the rate is the same, he receives only \$96 in Canadian funds. In order to get back his full \$100 the premium would have to be 20 per cent. Who gets the other \$1?

The annual catch of whales in the Antarctic exceeds 10,000.

## FANCIFUL FABLES



THE FANCY DIVING CHAMP TAKES UP KICKING

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### New Radio Policy

Will Likely Follow Plan Adopted By British Broadcasting Company

The radio commission of Canada will probably follow the policy adopted by the British Broadcasting Company in connection with the handling of election speeches. Hector Charleworth, chairman of the newly-formed committee, declares, in the United Kingdom, he explained, leaders and organizers of political parties are requested to agree on certain periods for broadcasting election speeches, so that other programmes are not seriously interfered with.

The rule confining advertising content to five per cent, of each programme would be rigidly adhered to. Mr. Charleworth declared, "but we must of necessity allow some time to Canadian advertisers; if not, they would be placed at an unfair advantage with U.S. advertisers. My idea with regard to the situation is that no Canadian station shall broadcast advertising in connection with a product that is not Canadian, or at least the product of a branch factory in this country."

### Principles Of Grading

Incentive To Quality Production Which Brings Better Prices

The grading of farm products as carried out under the administration of the Dominion Live Stock Branch is based on the principle that it is sound business to classify live stock and live stock products in such a way that the consumer will be able to recognize and purchase quality products, and that the price premium which the consumer will pay for the better grades should be returned to the producer of them. Practice has proven the value of the theory involved in the grading principle. Grading activities have been a tremendous incentive to quality production, with resultant price benefit to producers.

While A. T. Pycroft, New Zealand naturalist, was collecting crabs in the South Crux group of islands he obtained moving pictures of eight Polynesian men, heavily tattooed, who arrived at Vanuatu, after a voyage of 150 miles in dugout canoe from their home on the island of Tiofipa. These men are totally different in type from the Melanesians having long hair, stained yellow by treatment with lime.

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# All Efforts Made By Australia To Exterminate Rabbit Pest Have So Far Proved Unavailing

## Literature On Down Grade

Poor Quality Of Books Now Being Published

There never was a better time than the present for aspiring young authors but they seem to be coming forward slowly, in the opinion of Henry M. Mencken, noted author and editor.

Giving his views on the literary state of the United States he pointed out half a dozen books of excellent quality have been published during the last year, "but certainly there has been no such upsurge of really first rate newcomers as we saw in the first years of the century, and again in the first years of the war," Mr. Mencken added.

The American novel is in a very flabby condition, and American poetry is almost dead, he thinks. The hard times have nothing to do with the matter. Publishers are turning out many books the same as ever, but most of these are bad. A fault, he does not attribute to the publishers. They would print better ones if they could get them.

## Smallest Quantity Of Light Measured

Apparatus Catches Flow Of Three Electrons Every Minute

The smallest quantity of light ever detected electrically—that of the flow of three electrons every minute—has been caught and measured at Rice Institute, Houston, Texas.

The apparatus reaches farther into the invisible than previous instruments by combining a photoelectric cell with a cosmic ray counter. It was described in the physical review by Gordon L. Locher of the Institute and of the Baruch Research Foundation of Franklin Institute, Philadelphia.

How light is a ray may be visualized from the fact that the ordinary dull red glow of a radio tube is the flow of about 100,000 electrons not in a minute, but in a second.

## Hint Was Broad Enough

Queen Victoria Gave Sheridan Pony To Famous Dwarf

An amusing story concerning Tom Thumb, the famous dwarf, is told by Bob Sherwood, "the last of the arthurian chroniclers," in his newly-published volume of reminiscences entitled "Hold Yer Horses."

When the great little man appeared before Queen Victoria she asked him to sing.

He obliged with "Yankee Doodle." The time he came to the line, "Yankee Doodle came to town on a little pony," Tom would glance longingly through the window at a very small Highland pony that was grazing outside, for the tiny horse had just suited Tom's size. Her majesty took the hint and Tom rode home in triumph.

## The Hunter's Primer

Good Idea Which Might Help Eliminate Careless Shooting

A hunter's primer should be prepared for all who secure a license to shoot game, something like the kind we used to study in the first grade. "This is a man," "This is a mouse," "This is a woman," "This is a partridge," etc. It seems that a man can catch his friend in the woods with the same freedom that Al Capone bumped off an enemy on the sidewalks of New York except that Al did not have to pay \$2 for a license. Surely a hunter who kills a man should not be given the chance to shoot another for a good many years. That should be the very least penalty inflicted on him.

## Advice Worth Trying

If your petacles become clouded with mist when you enter a warm room on a cold day, try backing in through the door. The editor of the Alva Review-Courier sought scientific advice in this matter and obtained the foregoing suggestion. He says it works.

## Crevels Form Cross

The famous cross of snow in the Holy Cross National Forest of Colorado is formed by two snow-dusted crevices on the side of the mountain. The cross is visible for miles.

Oddly enough, when we send it by airmail it is charged and when it goes by car it is a shipment.

The voting age for men and women in England is now 21 years.

"The problem facing Australia at this time is the great army of rabbits with which the continent is infested," said the Hon. T. B. Gordon, of Sydney, speaking at a luncheon in New York on his way to England with his daughter, Miss V. E. Gordon. "We are trying in every way to cut down their great numbers, but they multiply so quickly that our efforts to decimate them make no noticeable reductions in the furry tribe. There are still hundreds of millions of them. A pair of rabbits will produce six litters of young ones in a year and each litter will average five rabbits. As soon as the bunnies are five months old they begin to breed. In six months a single pair of rabbits will increase to ten million pairs. Some rabbits eat daily as much food as would keep one sheep."

Rabbits were first brought to Australia by a farmer named McNamee, according to Mr. Gordon. He wanted something to remind him of home and the good old English sport of chasing the hare. He sent to England for a pair of rabbits and in due course they arrived He turned them loose. In a year or so he could not count on a considerable success. He soon found, however, that the rabbits multiplied so rapidly that his section was over-run. His pasture disappeared. He sought to wipe them out, but they increased by hundreds then by thousands. There was nothing left for his stock to feed on, so he had to get rid of it, many of his cattle perishing on the bare fields nibbled to the earth by the rabbits. Now rabbits eat him out of house and hand in Australia.

Passengers on the "Carinthia" cruise around the world via the southern route, which leaves New York next January, will be driven to the country sections outside Sydney where they may view rabbits in scores. The rabbits are being employed to destroy the Poisoned food and water kill many of them. Rabbits killed in this manner are skinned and the bodies are burned. One dry year as many as three million rabbits were killed by the use of one water hole. The pay by the government proves effective and gives a good thing to many men.

Rabbit-proof fences are proving successful. Some of these fences are hundreds of miles long with gates at intervals of a mile or more. There is a heavy penalty for leaving one of these gates open. The rabbit fences of Australia would reach several times around the earth.

Two hundred cases of rabbits were turned loose in Western Australia to combat the pest in that part of the country. The cats fraternized with the rabbits, living with them on the friendliest of terms. Foxes were introduced with the same purpose in view, but they multiplied and killed sheep instead of rabbits. They are now fenced against.

New South Wales once offered a reward of \$125 to any man who would suggest or invent a means for the extermination of rabbits throughout that state. It was never claimed.

Present Day Opportunities  
Goods At Prices Now Prevailing Should Sell Readily  
The low prices now prevailing on practically all kinds of goods represent a wonderful buying opportunity for our people. The idea that goods could be sold at such prices would have seemed preposterous three years ago. It may seem equally impossible three years from now that goods were sold at 1933 at these figures.

The people are making a mistake if they do not buy freely when such bargains are offered. But the public will not get the value of these opportunities unless the detailed facts about them are constantly told through advertising. Goods at present prices ought to sell readily if well advertised.

Put Up Or Shut Up  
When it is hot and one wishes to sleep next an open window there is a big perspective to a judge in Berlin, Germany, but the sleeper cannot control outside noise. A Berliner received an action to suppress noises which disturbed his slumber. The judge said he could either put up with them or close the window.

The native population of Australia has declined from about 300,000 in 1788 to 150,000 in 1900, or 80,000 if half-castes are included.

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WORLD HAPPENINGS  
BRIEFLY TOLD

Seventy-two railway freight cars of Christmas trees have this year been shipped from Vancouver Island to all parts of the United States.

A Japanese government spokesman declared that resumption of diplomatic relations between Russia and China was most unwelcome to Japan.

For the first time Canada will be host to 31 countries which participate in the Pacific science congress in the summer of 1933.

St. Nicholas, the traditional original of Santa Claus, was fêted throughout Italy December 6, on the 1380th anniversary of his death.

Documents indicating that the North American continent was discovered in 1452 by the Portuguese navigator, Pedro Vazquez de la Mota, have been discovered.

The king took two darts and a second prize with three-year-old red polio leifers at the annual pre-Christmas fat cattle show at Norwich, England.

Finding that cattle hides could not even be given away, a Christian settlement in Alberta plans to establish a tannery and a shoe factory in the near future. G. W. Silver told an audience at Winnipeg.

The board of railway commissioners has no jurisdiction to make contributions from the grade crossing fund to works which do not cross the crossing itself, the supreme court of Canada has decided.

Somewhat resembling a moratorium legislation is being considered by the Alberta Government to aid farmer debtors. It is learned. It is expected the legislation will be passed before the legislature when it opens some time in January.

Disregarding friendly advice of Great Britain, Japan instructed its delegation at Geneva to reject the proposal that the international arbitration commission be created to attempt a settlement of the Chino-Japanese controversy over Manchuria.

## Cheapening the Dollar

United States Senator Ellison Smith, Democrat from South Carolina, told newspapermen he favored a "temporary suspension" of the gold standard by the United States to "cheapen the dollar and increase commodity prices."

As an example, he said cotton was selling for 11 cents a pound in Liverpool, but that this meant only five cents in the United States by the time exchange had been paid.

"Cheapening the dollar by suspending the gold standard temporarily," Smith continued, "would raise commodity prices and aid the farmer and industry."

## Most Beautiful Words

List Of Ten Selected By New York Post

Wilfred J. Funk, poet and dictionary publisher of New York, here and there considers the 10 most beautiful words in the English language—

"Beautiful in meaning and in the musical arrangement of their letters." His list compiled after a "thorough sifting of thousands of words" follows: Dawn, Hush, Lullaby, Murmur, Tranquil, Mist, Luminous, Chinese, Golden, Melody.

"The long vowel sounds and the soft consonants make these words flow smoothly," Mr. Funk said.

## Spanish Cabinet Criticized

But Republicans Come To Defense Of Author Members

Criticism of the new Republican cabinet of Spain on the ground that half of its members are authors has brought a reply from champions of the new regime. They declare that Blasco Ibañez, the novelist, with his many political activities proved that all authors are not always dreamy and impractical persons. They also point out that Premier MacDonald of England, Mussolini, Lenin, Trotsky, and others were journalists before they became powers in their countries.

## Side Line For Fishermen

Fishermen during 1928 made a gross income of \$134,000 through the sale of 2,944,000 pounds of fish scales. These were sold to paint manufacturers for use in "pearl-resin" paint.

Beavers have laid waste stretches of woods near Mandan in Norway.

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## New Uniform

British Tommy To Be Clad In More Comfortable Fashion

The Dominion troops set an example to the Old Country during the war of uniforms giving unity and comfort rather than parade ground smartness. The new uniforms intended for the British army which were shown in London by the war office are more easy wearing than anything conceived of before. They suggest Boy Scouts and week-end hikers more than the old-style of His Majesty's regiments.

The cap is not the stiff, peaked variety, it is a hat with wide brim giving shade to eyes and neck and it is of a soft material and can be rolled up and put in the pocket. It has no chin strap or other kind of fastener and one imagines that if a line of soldiers are on parade every hat will be at a different angle and every brim will be flapping in the wind.

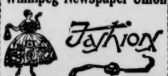
Instead of the tight tunic with thick collar buttoning close up the neck the new jacket is loose fitting and has an open neck. It has pouch pockets and the buttons are of gun metal instead of brass which needs to be polished.

## Life Has Been Exciting

Former British War Secretary Has Always Lived Dangerously

Major-General, the Right Hon. Sir John Seely, former Secretary of War and Under Secretary for Air, attained his 64th birthday recently, much to the surprise of everyone, especially himself. He has always lived dangerously and has had many hairbreadth escapes. Among his many thrilling experiences are falling a sheer 200 feet down a cliff facing a host of rifle at 15 yards, when a mine seemed impossible, and escaping from a plane when the petrol tank exploded at an altitude of 4,000 feet. His book of personal adventures makes exciting reading.

## Winnipeg Newspaper Union



By Ruth Rogers



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## NEW YORK'S EX-MAYOR IN FRANCE



Former Mayor James J. Walker of New York, is shown with Miss Betty Compton, well known musical comedy star of Broadway, as they enjoyed the sea breezes on the rocks at Cape d'Antibes, popular resort in the South of France. The ex-Mayor is planning to write his memoirs after he has had a long rest.

## A Strange Occupation

Science May Do Away With Smoke Watchers In England

Smoke watching, one of Britain's strangest occupations, is declining. Imperfect firing of boilers makes for soot-laden air, and many firms send old employees to the roofs of power stations and factories. They sit with a piece of mica glass in their hands, and when they can see smoke through the dark glass they signal the boiler-room and the fuel supply is cut down. Scientists, however, have perfected a device by which, if smoke becomes too heavy in a chimney, a warning bell is sounded and the boiler-room attendants know they have been firing too heavily.

The smoke watchers, whose profession is threatened by this device work in eight-hour shifts, day and night, rain or sunshine.—Answers.

## Holland Solves Difficulty

The aquarium at Amsterdam, Holland, has the reputation of being the only one which has been successful in housing a school of herring. The difficulties in keeping these fish in aquarium quarters, it is said, is that they bump into the rocks at night and kill themselves. Officials at the Amsterdam aquarium have overcome this obstacle by providing the herring with a night lamp.

She—"You think more of that old wireless set than you do of me." He—"Well, I get less interference from it."

## Have Been Working Overtime

Egg-Laying Contests In England Show High Average

British chickens have been working overtime this year. Reports of the 1931-32 egg-laying trials show that both averages and individual records are higher than in previous years. For instance, 3,300 pullets entered in the national test at Mifford, Surrey, returned an average of over 100 eggs per bird for 45 weeks. Four pullets laid over 300 eggs each, the highest score being 318 and the best, having reared to quality as well as quantity, being 314.

But the most amazing record of all was set up, quite involuntarily, by a hen which wandered into the line of play while a game of golf was in progress, and was hit by one of the balls. It jumped high in the air and then, when it came down, laid six eggs in rapid succession—two with shells and four without.—Answers.

## Did Not Produce Results

A survey conducted by Editor & Publisher shows that the concentrated radio campaign in the closing weeks of the presidential election race was ineffectual in winning votes. In fact, the only difference the broadcasting barrage made was to send the people to the polls with a bigger carache than ever before.

Teacher: "Can you tell me the kind of illumination they had on Noah's boat?" Little Tommy: "Are lights."

## + Do You Know? +



THAT at Mont Joli in the Province of Quebec there is a little general store whose front is decorated by flags and head found drifting in the St. Lawrence River more than one hundred years ago, following the wreck of wooden ships. The figure on the top of the building is believed to be from the bridge of a French Admiral's ship and the figure figure is from a Swedish baroque and represents a Scandinavian prince. The Canadian in the center is dead General Wolfe, conqueror of Canada. The owner has refused many thousands of dollars for these curiosities.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DECEMBER 15

## GOD'S GIFT TO MAN—CHRISTMAS LESSON

Golden Text: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life."—John 3:16.

Lesson: Luke 2:1-20.

Devotional Reading: Isaiah 9:1, 4, 7.

## Explanations and Comments

The Birth of Jesus At Bethlehem, verses 1-7.—When Caesar ordered the enrollment of everyone in the Roman Empire, the people of Palestine went each to "his own city" to be enrolled. Bethlehem had been the home of David, their ancestor, and therefore Mary and Joseph went from Nazareth of Galilee, where they were living, to Bethlehem to be enrolled. There Jesus was born, and Mary laid Him in a manger, because there had been no room for them in the inn.

The Story Of The Shepherds and the Angels, verses 8-14.—"Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people," were the angels' good tidings heard by shepherds who were watching their flocks in the fields near Bethlehem on the night that Jesus was born. And the good tidings was this: "There is born to you this day a Son, the people of Palestine will be Christ the Lord." Christ is the title of Jesus as the one consecrated to the people of Palestine, who is the Son of God because Son of Man that one of men might become sons of God.

"And this is the sign unto you: Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger," they explained. The "sign" was in the unexpected circumstance of the Babe's being in a manger. The swaddling clothes were the bands of cloth which the Oriental mother wraps around the body of her babe, confining the legs and arms.

The second of the true Christmas spirit is in forgetting self and finding one's happiness in others' joys. It is the spirit of the heavenly Father, whose personalities are in the background as they show their tidings of great joy to the world.

"For somehow, not only at Christmas, but all the long year through, The joy that you give to others, In the joy that comes back to you."

## Recipes For This Week

(By Betty Barclay)

## SUGAR COOKIES

2 1/2 cups special cake flour, sifted.

2 teaspoons baking powder.

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg.

1/2 cup butter or other shortening.

1 cup sugar.

2 eggs, well beaten.

Crabapple rind 1 lemon.

1 tablespoon cream.

Sift flour once, measure, and sift together twice. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy.

Add eggs, lemon rind, and cream, and beat well. Add flour, a small amount at a time. Beat after each addition until smooth. Roll into thin sheet on slightly floured board.

Cut with floured cookie cutter and dredge with sugar. Bake in hot oven (425 degrees Fahrenheit) about 7 minutes. Makes 2 1/2 dozen cookies.

## PUMPKIN CUSTARD

1/2 cup stewed and strained pumpkin.

1/2 cup milk (or 1 cup milk and 1/2 cup light cream).

1 package vanilla junket.

1 teaspoon cinnamon.

1/2 teaspoon ginger.

1/2 teaspoon salt.

Mix pumpkin with salt, ginger, and cinnamon. Add milk, or milk and cream, and stir thoroughly.

Add mixture to lukewarm (110 degrees Fahrenheit) hot milk, stirring constantly. Remove from stove and add junket powder. Stir briskly no more than one minute. Pour at once into individual dessert glasses. Let stand until firm—about 10 minutes.

Chill and serve. Whipped cream may be added as topping if desired.

## Vine Hard On Tires

California is spending \$150,000 a year to ride the state of a vine that is a costly pest to motorists. It is the "prunella vine," a creeping plant which, when crossing a road, sends its sharp spines through an automobile tire.

## Must Supply Own Books

Pupils of public schools in Glasgow, Scotland, will not have free school books unless they are too poor to buy their own.

A sub-committee of the Glasgow Education Board recommended supplying the books to all pupils next year, but the town council has voted down the plan.

## Watch Returned By Thief

For Thirty Years

For 30 years a watch has ticked the guilt of a man of Dusseldorf, Germany. Unable to start the accusing ticks any longer the thief has just sent it to the police anonymously.

With a note explaining that he had taken the timepiece from the table at the bedside of a sleeping man. He added that he hoped the man was still alive because it was very certain that the robbed one would be as pleased to get the watch as the writer was to get rid of it.

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## Eink Island National Park, Alberta, contains about 700 elk, 1,000 buffalo, 500 moose and over 200 deer.

## Relief Commission

Saskatchewan Body To Accept Responsibility For Unemployed Girls

The Saskatchewan relief commission accepts full responsibility for single girls physically able to accept positions on farms, once they have earned their living.

This is the interpretation placed on the agreement forwarded from Ottawa following a series of conferences between provincial government and relief commission officials, and was given by C. B. Daniel, general manager of the Saskatchewan relief commission.

The commission assumes no responsibility for such persons until they are actually placed. They remain a charge on the municipality, town or village until such time.

The commission is empowered, pending placement, to pay to accepted organizations such as municipalities and relief committees, the actual cost of food and shelter for single homeless unemployed men and women, physically fitted to accept work on farms, or in the case of men, to enter a concentration camp, providing such aggregate food, clothing and shelter allowance does not exceed 40 cents per man-day.

Ottawa has been urged by the commission seeking clarification on the question as to whether single unemployed girls may be placed in cities under the government-assisted scheme, and also whether the commission may place them with organizations such as the C.W.C.A., and keep up to 40 cents per day for their support.

## Wireless Telephony

Will It In Time Supplant The Old Morse Code?

Wireless telephony has swept away much of the usefulness of Morse code, and now comes the news that its place in the British post office telephone system is being taken by the teleprinter.

But I think it will be a long time before they kill the romance of the Morse Code in the public eye.

The first words ever tapped out by Morse were, "What hath God Wrought?" They were sent from Woburn to Baltimore on May 24, 1844, by Samuel Morse, whose electromagnetic telegraph was regarded as "Come Quickly, danger."

The most important message sent transmitted was that in a ship in distress—the "C G D" which signified "Come Quickly, danger."

But nowadays if an airman is in distress, he does not send out an "C G D." He just speaks the word "Mayday" into his wireless telephone.

"Mayday" was said to be a corruption of the French "M'Aidez" (Help Me).

## No Premium On Gold

Vancouver Banker Had Edge On United States Citizens

A United States citizen presented some bills, silver dollars and several \$5 gold pieces of his country's currency at a Vancouver bank. He got 49 cents premium on the dollars for his bills, eight cents on his silver and nothing on his gold.

He protested against the discrimination against gold in favor of paper, but the banker explained: "Your gold pieces are worth no more to us than Canadian gold pieces of the same face value. We will give 5% in Canadian bills for a \$5 Canadian gold piece, and we can give no more for an American gold piece of the same amount."

"But I thought you were paying a premium on gold?"

"On raw gold from the mines," replied the banker.

"And, by the way," stated the banker, "you will have to leave the gold here now, because it is illegal to take it out of Canada without a Government license."

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## Christmas 1932

With a sincere appreciation of the patronage we have been favored with during the year we take this opportunity to extend to all our Best Wishes for a truly Happy Christmas and a more prosperous New Year.



## Acheson Hardware

## Christmas Greetings



The present season affords us a pleasant opportunity to express our appreciation of the pleasant business associations we have enjoyed during the year and to wish one and all, a Joyful Christmas followed by 365 happy days in 1933

## J. J. Purcell



### The Season's Greetings

Hearty Good Wishes for a real Merry Christmas

## OYEN BILLIARD HALL

Wm. Walsh



### Christmas Greetings

Extending to the people of Oyen and district the Compliments of the Season. May your Christmas be a truly joyous one and your hopes for better times be realised in 1933.

## W. V. MILLER

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## Christmas 1932

May this Christmas be for you and yours a Very Happy one

## Oyen Cartage and Transfer

W. D. Morrell

## About Town and Country

A meeting of the Oyen Local of the Alberta Wheat Pool will be held in the Masonic Hall, Oyen, on Saturday, December 31, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Robert Gardiner, M.P., returned home this morning.

Mr. Maynard Regan of Calgary, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. H. L. Packard of Stettler arrived in Oyen last Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays here.

Mr. Walter Marshall and Mr. S. L. Kline returned from their hunting trip in the north country the latter part of last week with moose, caribou and deer.

The total prizes won by Alberta seed grain exhibitors at Chicago international show this year was 88, including three world championships, one reserve championship, five first prizes and fifty nine other prizes.

The committee of the Alberta legislature nominated to report upon public health services and state medicine, have about completed their labors. The report to be submitted will contain definite recommendations entirely new in the field of public health. Adoption of these recommendations in their entirety would not be possible at present, it is felt, owing to economic conditions, and the inability of the people to contribute to any co-operative form of health service, but it is believed the committee are prepared to recommend adoption at least of part of the new plans at the earliest moment that economic recovery makes it possible.

STRAYED—On to my place 15-28-3, W. 4th, two sheep. Owner may have same by paying for this advertisement. R. Colley, Benton, Alta.

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Vicar.

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Everybody  
and may 1933  
bring better times  
for all.

## CHAS. P. SNYDER



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Hearty Good Wishes  
for a Joyous Christmas  
and Happiness  
throughout the Coming Year

## JOHN J. KELLY

Canadian wheat shipped to Great Britain may not be stored on route in United States elevators, it is ruled by British customs officials. It was announced Wednesday that American lake ports would be unable to benefit in the Canadian wheat trade. Wheat to enjoy the preference must be consigned directly from an Empire port to a British port. The test shipment of three carloads from a Canadian farm recently made on the s.s. Lacombe, was refused the advantage of the duty, it being handled on route through a Buffalo elevator.

The lady curlers started the season with games in the president vs. vice-president series with the following results.

President - Vice President	
Love 6	Todd 9
Gripp 6	Peterson 10
Wright 11	Langmuir 3
Morrell 5	Waide 9
Total 27	31

### Laufine School Report

#### GRADE VIII

Annette Audibert 77.4, George Hains 73.4, George Williams 72., Ellis Woods 62.6, Murdo MacKenzie 60.5, Howard Hains 55.4.

#### GRADE IX

Harvey Hains 49.8.

#### GRADE X

Marjorie Wiley 60.1, Duncan MacKenzie 58.8.

#### GRADE XI

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In expressing appreciation for your loyal support and co-operation during the past year, we look with pleasure on the mutual fellowship and good will we have enjoyed.

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## Geo. A. Morrison

Your Druggist



## Christmas 1932

Merry Christmas to one and all, and may the New Year bring to you and yours Better Times.

## Red and White Store

## The Season's Greetings



Once again the Christmas season is here; and it is with pleasure we extend to the people of Oyen and district the Compliments of the Season.

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## Jim Lees Wishes You All A

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Honest old friend, the thing I want  
Cannot be hung on a tree  
Or tied in tissue and ribbon  
And tagged "to you from me".  
It's just to grasp the hand of a friend  
The best this whole world through  
And to shout: A Merry Xmas,  
To a regular friend like you!



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for your Happiness this Christmastide  
and the wish  
that the New Year will bring  
to one and all Prosperity  
with Good Health to enjoy it

## E. D. Thygesen